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Charles L.A. Terreni Chief Clerk & Administrator Public Service Commission of South Carolina PO Drawer 11649

Re: Verizon South Inc./Frontier Communications

Dear Mr. Terreni:

Columbia, SC 29211

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Stan Bugner, Ken Mason and I had a brief conference call with Chairman Fleming and Jocelyn Boyd on May 13, 2009 to confirm media reports that Verizon Communications Inc. has entered into an agreement with Frontier Communications Corporation to sell its local wire line operations serving residential and small business customers in fourteen states, including South Carolina.. This letter is submitted in response to Chairman Fleming's request that we file a letter summarizing our discussion.

The transaction between Verizon and Frontier includes switched and special access lines, as well as Internet service and long distance voice accounts, in the South Carolina Service territory of Verizon South Inc. The transaction does not include services, offerings or assets of Verizon Wireless, Verizon Business (formerly MCI Inc.), or any other Verizon businesses in South Carolina.

Frontier has a highly successful track record of acquiring, operating and investing in rural telecommunications properties, including landline assets purchased from Verizon between 1993 and 2000. Frontier currently has approximately 2.3 million access lines in 24 states, providing an array of services, including local and long distance voice, broadband data, and video. Frontier is committed to providing its customers with state-of-the-art technology and innovative products. Verizon and Frontier will make all appropriate filings with the Commission concerning the transaction. Please feel free to contact me or Stan Bugner at any time the Commission or staff have any questions.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

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cc:

Stan Bugner De O'Roark, Esq. Jocelyn Boyd, Esq.